IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (original) Method in a spraying apparatus, especially a spraying apparatus intended for the humidification of intake air, said apparatus comprising at least one spraying nozzle (la, lb, lc, ld) for spraying a liquid and/or gas into the intake air, characterized in that, after the supply of the liquid and/or gas to be sprayed has been interrupted, a second pressure medium, such as a liquid or gas, is conveyed to the nozzle, or the supply of the first pressure medium (liquid and/or gas) to the nozzle is continued at a substantially lower pressure to prevent clogging of the nozzle (la,lb,1c,ld).
- 2. (original) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the second pressure medium is supplied into the feed channel (2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) of the nozzle (la, lb, Ic, ld) at a pressure considerably lower than the pressure used for actual humidification of intake air.
- 3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the second pressure medium is introduced into the feed channel (2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) of the nozzle at a point between a valve element (Al, B1,C1, D1) and the nozzle(la, lb,1c,ld).
- 4. (currently amended) Method according to any one of claims 1-3 clam 1, characterized in that the admission of the first pressure medium into the feed channel (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d) of the second pressure medium is prevented by a check valve (23).

- 5. (currently amended) Method according to any one of claims 1-4 claim 1, characterized in that a supply pressure is maintained in the supply pipe (21) of the second pressure medium.
- 6. (original) Apparatus in a spraying apparatus, especially in a spraying apparatus intended or the humidification of intake air, said apparatus comprising at least one spraying nozzle(la, lb,1c, ld) for spraying a liquid and/or gas into the intake air, characterized in that the apparatus comprises means for conveying a second pressure medium to the nozzle after the supply of a liquid and/or gas intended for the humidification of the intake air to the nozzle has been interrupted, to prevent clogging of the nozzle.
- 7. (original) Apparatus according to claim 6, characterized in that the apparatus comprises a pressure medium source, such as a pump (20) pumping pressurized air, and means for conveying the pressure medium from the pressure medium source to the nozzle (la, lb,1c, ld).
- 8. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 6 or 7, characterized in that the second pressure medium is conveyed using a pipeline (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d) connected in the nozzle feed channel (2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) at a point between a valve element (Al, B1, Cl, D1) and the nozzle (la, lb,1c,ld).

- 9. (currently amended) Apparatus according to any one of claims 6-8 claim 8, characterized in that each pipeline (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d) used for supplying the second pressure medium is provided with a check valve to prevent the admission of the first pressure medium.
- 10. (currently amended) Apparatus according to any one of claims 6-9 claim 6, characterized in that the second pressure medium is a liquid and/or a gas.